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Re: Western Wireless Corporation Petition for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge Reservation in the State of
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Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

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I urge you to expeditiously grant Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status to
Western Wireless Corporation for the provision of universal telephone service on the
Pine Ridge reservation.

It will be important for the
community & me & bud. I can
call her without going on top of
the hill & wasting gas

Sincerely,

Sherry Jantz

Cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Harold-Furchtgott-Roth
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*good thing the tribe will
soon own. Rates are great.*

Shirley Fresquez
Sincerely,

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*From knowledge that my Parents have ~~no~~ a phone,
is that the service gets cut off at a short period of time.
And, they cannot call out long distance or even
1-800 numbers.*

Sincerely,

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Life on the Reservation has plenty
of open areas. To drive to Rapid
City, the nearest town takes 2 hours.
With the prices of gas going up - Cell phones
would be ideal - especially when cars break
down in isolated areas like the badlands.

Sincerely,

Soretha Diego

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*I think it would be easier ~~for~~ and
more economical for our people to
communicate.*

Sincerely,

Marianne Ferguson

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*Due to the fact that we live in a
remote & rural area this project would
be a great addition to our people.*

Sincerely,



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I think that this would be a good because where
we live, we need these phones in case our car
breaks down or we hit the ditch we can call
someone for help when its bad weather.
It would also be cheaper.
I support this deal

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Purni

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*I feel it will be very important
to have this service here because
of the wide-open range & a back
of pay-phones available out there.*

Sincerely,

Neuma Brown Bull

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*We the people need a tower here
in Kyle for our phones. They are
used for emergency situations in the pasture
for our ranching business, or to report
a fire, or the need of an ambulance.*

Sincerely,

Linda May

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*I feel it is important to have
these towers here, because of
Emergency from the distance
we have to travel. It's A Mess!!*
Sincerely,
Lori J. Cury

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*because the tribe will own it
one day*

Sincerely,

James P. ...
5/11/01

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*This is a good thing that has
come to the reservation maybe I will be
able to afford a phone.*

Sincerely,

Leah Rooks.

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*Good Good Cheaphates
Very Happy.*

Sincerely,

Hobie Fournier

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BEST THING THAT EVER
HAPPENED TO RESERVATION, WHY WOULDN'T
IT BE APPROVED? BEATS THE SHIT OUT
OF ME!!

Sincerely,

CURTIS POURIER SR

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*On 5/11/01, I received a letter from
Western Wireless Corporation dated 5/10/01
requesting that I grant ETC status to
Western Wireless Corporation for the
provision of universal telephone service
on the Pine Ridge reservation.*

Sincerely,

David A. Souter

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*Our very satisfied with the Western
Wireless coming ~~in~~ in and working with
the indian people. One day we will have our
own telephone office.*

Sincerely,

Abby Jacob Bull.

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*I love the phone service here its
(cellular)..
about time our people need a change. Some people
cant afford a land line phone and this gives
us a opportunity to have a better choice*

Sincerely,

Chaylee Fowler

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*Thank goodness something
like this finally came to us. Thank
you Western Wireless.*

Sincerely,

Gloria Contreras

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*I'm happy there's gonna be a
change FINALLY THANK YOU*

Sincerely,

Allan Long Soldier

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fixed income and can't afford a land
line phone and I can call my son in Rapid
City. ITS A GOOD thing the tribe will own it.

Sincerely,

House D. Long Solkin

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*Because we need faster
service for Pine Ridge
and it's cheaper*

Sincerely, *Ron*

*Blue
Bird*

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*Because of the Prices & It's
a whole lot Cheaper.*

Sincerely,

*Donald
Blue Bird*

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*The phone system is a lot cheaper. The
people could afford it. eventually the
tribe will own it*

Sincerely,

Melina Winters

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